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In re Patent Application of:
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For: ~~METHODS OF TREATING HYPERTENSION~~
~~AND COMPOSITIONS FOR USE THEREIN~~
METHOD FOR TREATING IMPAIRED
KIDNEY FUNCTION (AS AMENDED)

Examiner: C. Saoud

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 15, 2006, for which a response was due on November 15, 2006. A two-month extension of time is hereby requested, making the new deadline January 15, 2007, which was a holiday, so the new deadline is January 16, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

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Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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